GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 4.98 ha of forest land in Compartment No.818 of Kogira Forest Block for erection of 220 KV DC line for extension of supply to the automobile manufacturing unit of M/s. KIA Motors Corporation (KMC) to set up at Erramanchi Village, Penukondal Mandal, Ananthapuramu District, in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Ananthapuramu – Final (Stage-II) approval – Accorded.

ENVIRONEMNT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.72 **Dated.06.10.2022**

Read the following: -

1) From PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Lr.Rc.No7764/2017/FCA-3, dt.22.112017.
2) GoI, MoEF& C.C, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.11-9/98-FC, Dated.13.5.2011, 16.6.2011, 10.12.2012, 01.2.2013, 17.5.2013 & 25.2.2016.
3) G.O.Rt.No.202, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt 05.12.2017.
4) GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, Lr.File No.FC-11/160/2019-FC, dt 23.06.2021.
5) From PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.7764/2017/FAC-3, dt 11.03.2022.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.98 ha of forest land in Compartment No.818 of Kogira Forest Block for erection of 220 KV DC line for extension of supply to the automobile manufacturing unit of M/s. KIA Motors Corporation (KMC) to set up at Erramanchi Village, Penukondal Mandal, Ananthapuramu District, in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Ananthapuramu and requested to consider the proposal and issue orders under general approval category as per the guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change vide letter 2nd read above.

2. In the G.O.3rd read above, orders were issued, according in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the project, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions stipulated therein.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in in-principle (Stage-I) approval accorded by the Government in the G.O.3rd read above and requested to consider the compliance report and accord Stage -II (final) approval for the proposal under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

4. After careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in the letters 2nd and 4th read above, Government hereby accord Final (Stage-II) approval under section-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.98 ha of forest land in Compartment No.818 of Kogira Forest Block for erection of 220 KV DC line for extension of supply to the automobile manufacturing unit of M/s. KIA Motors Corporation (KMC) to set up at Erramanchi Village, Penukondal Mandal, Ananthapuramu District, in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Ananthapuramu, subject to the following conditions:-

i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

ii. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the same from the Expert Committee, shall be paid by the User Agency;

iii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;

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iv. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;

v. The User Agency shall not carry out any no work in violation of FCA, 1980 in future;

vi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government;

vii. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.

viii. The User Agency shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;

ix. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of State Government;

x. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **4.98 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

xi. Any other condition that the State Government may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;

xii. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

xiii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions under rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.

xiv. The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Forest Department by the end of March every year.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
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The Executive Engineer, Construction Division,
APTRANSCO, Ananthapuramu.

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SECTION OFFICER